

GRESFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

We are half way through Term 1 already with lots of learning and fun with school friends happening. Swimming teachers commented on the **excellent behaviour and efforts** in the pool from the Gresford children. Our teachers also commented on the high standard of instruction offered by the staff of Singleton Gym and Swim. What an important skill these children have worked on over the last two weeks. Now we are all back to regular class lessons.

Next Friday, 15th March is the date set aside for the **National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence**. We monitor bullying to the best of our ability every day here at school but focus particularly on this day, upon the strategies children can use to help combat bullying themselves. We teach anti-bullying strategies as part of our personal development program and within this area encourage children to develop resilience to help them withstand and combat bullying. Such strategies include reporting bullying incidents to a responsible person; saying no to bullies and being clear about what encompasses bullying. There is an excellent website which has useful information for children, parents and teachers which you may like to visit:

<http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/national-day/resources.html> Please find attached to this newsletter, our school's Anti-Bullying Policy.

Unfortunately, due to lack of numbers our **After School Care Service** will no longer be able to operate on Tuesdays, effective from 11th March. We are sorry for any inconvenience but the Anglican Parish Council is no longer able to carry the costs of the service over the two days. Hopefully the Monday can be well patronised so that we do not lose the service altogether.

Children have been busy over the last few weeks preparing their items for the **Gresford Show**. Children will visit the Show on Friday, weather permitting to enjoy exhibits. Country shows are a delightful feature of Australian life and their patronage is also important so that they too survive.

Mrs. Tickle has commenced her long service leave and we welcome **Miss McAlister** to the school in her place. Miss McAlister's mother was a teacher here at Gresford for a number of years and many of our students remember her as their teacher.

Congratulations to the P&C for their organisation of the disco last Friday. Even though the weather was inclement, there was a great roll up of children for a happy night of frivolity. It was also a good opportunity for parents and staff to get together informally and for newer parents to meet. Please support our P&C in their endeavours to enrich educational opportunities for all children.

Professional learning for teachers this fortnight has been in the areas of technology, autism and spelling.

Kind regards,

Pauline

"I am not young enough to know everything."

Oscar Wilde

Dates For Your Diary

March

- Fri 8 ~ Gresford Show
- Fri 15 ~ P & C meeting
~ Badge Presentation
for Sport Captains
- Wed 20 ~ Book Club due back
- Fri 22 ~ Easter Service
- Mon 25 ~ Young Leaders Conference
School Captains only
- Tue 26 ~ School Cross Country
- Fri 29 ~ Good Friday

April

- Mon 1 ~ Easter Monday
- Thu 4 ~ Zone Cross Country
- Fri 12 ~ Last Day Term One

**Clean
Up
Australia
Tomorrow
Friday 8th
March**

**Children are asked
to bring protective
gloves if possible.**

Notes Sent Home

Mothers Day Stall

Update of Phone & Address

Book Club

School Uniform Shop

Swimming Lessons



The Tucker Box Roster for Weeks 6,7 & 8

Friday 8th March ~ Lyndell Osmond & Hazel Craig
Wednesday 13th March ~ Elly Laurie & Ange Kelehear
Friday 15th March ~ Nance Dent & Vicki Cropp
Wednesday 20th March ~ Jennifer Cowley & Jennifer Hipwell
Friday 22nd March ~ Alissa Abra & Mary Horn

Gresford Public School After School Care Announcement

Due to the lack of patronage Gresford After School Care will no longer be available on a Tuesday. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Tammy Crouch
Supervisor

Gresford Public School P & C

Meeting

Friday 15th March

10.00am

All Welcome!

SECURITY ALERT

Central Hunter Police Command has reported a recent trend in break and enters of remote schools, that is schools located outside the major CBD's.

Parents and students are asked to be vigilant and report any unusual activity, recording registration numbers of vehicles seen around schools particularly at night.

Gresford Public School P & C

Trivia Night

Saturday 11th May 2013

Tables of 8

\$10 per person \$80 per table

Phone Angela Kelehear to book your table on
4931 7196

Community Announcements

(We are also offering the certificate **FIRST AID CERTIFICATE** on 18 March.)

Learn all aspects of routine first aid, to a certificate standard. What's covered: CPR for adults and infants, fractures, sprains, burns, control of bleeding, responding to heart attack, asthma, snakebites and exposure, and much more. Do CPR on dummies, make slings, ask questions. All led by experienced district local Sonja Medcalf (Registered Training Organisation Parasol Ltd). You can also renew your current certificate on this course. **Note:** *Students without a current certificate are required to complete a workbook prior to the commencement of the course.*

Over two evenings, Wed 3rd & Thurs 4th April 2013, 6-9pm, Paterson School Of Arts. Cost: full course \$160; re-certification \$140.

Accreditation level: HLTFA301B – also known as Senior First Aid Certificate or Apply First Aid.

Booking essential. Just contact Dungog Community College. *Learn locally; get safe.*

www.dungogcommunitycollege.org.au; education@dins.org.au or 4992 1133.

Dungog Junior Rugby League

Dungog Junior Rugby League is holding a coaching clinic for all players aged 6 to 18 on Wednesday 13th March 2013 commencing at 3.30 pm at Bennett Park .

NRL and Knights Development Coaches along with club coaches will be in attendance to run a skills based clinic.

Coastal Valleys Region Girl Guides invite you to Come and Try Guides! At your local Girl Guide unit

For girls aged 7-18 years

Guides enjoy challenging and fun program of indoor and outdoor activities:
games, leadership and life skills, craft, badges, cooking, camping and community events

For information on the location and available meetings in your area

Please email coastalvalleysgirlguides@live.com.au or call
13004475484

Or visit our website www.girlguides-nswact.org.au to find out
more about Guides

HAVING FUN TODAY - LEADING THE WORLD TOMORROW ..